

*Minutes of the regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Derry in the Authority office at 620 N. Chestnut Street Derry, PA on Wednesday March 17, 2021.*

*The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00 o'clock, p.m. with the following members answering the roll call: Mr. Grant A Nicely, Chairman; Mr. Peter A. Checca, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Sara Cowan, Secretary; Mrs. Barbara Phillips., Treasurer, and Mr. Anthony Jellison, Assistant Secretary Treasurer. Also, in attendance were the Authority Manager, Amy Forsha, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso Esq., of Dodaro, Matta and Cambest, and Engineer Mark Gera of Gibson-Thomas Engineering.*

*On a motion by Mrs. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Checca the minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2021 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.*

*Visitors: Jeremy Stein, Melanie Smail, and Greg Reinbold of The Latrobe Bulletin,*

*Correspondence: The Authority received correspondence from Ridgeview Veterinary clinic, Mr. Dave Pohland and Mr. Dale Hiltabidle, requesting relief on high usage bills. A motion was put forth by Mrs. Cowan and seconded by Mr. Checca to give a 25% relief on Ridgeview Vet Clinic. Mr. Checca then made a motion to give 50% relief on Dave Pohland bill seconded by Mrs. Cowan. Mrs. Cowan made a motion to grant Mr. Hiltabidle a 50% deduction on high usage bill and Mr. Checca seconded with all members voting to grant relief on the above leaks.*

*Water Old Business:*

*Water Bills for February 17, 2021 in the amount of \$94,955.94 and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$77,913.24 and Storm Bills in the amount of \$13,362.44 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Jellison and seconded by Mr. Checca, all members voted to pay the bills.*

*The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on January 31, 2021 of \$94,955.05 with Deposits of \$344,623.86 and less expenses of \$94,955.94 leaving a reconciled balance of \$344,622.97 for February 28, 2021 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mrs. Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Cowan and all members voted to accept the treasurers report, as presented.*

*Next, Mrs. Forsha presented the Storm Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on January 31, 2021 of \$113,845.76 with deposits of \$13,495.36 and less expenses of \$13,362.44 leaving a reconciled balance of \$113,978.68 for February 28, 2021. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mrs. Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Cowan and all members voted to accept the treasurers report, as presented.*

*Next, Mrs. Forsha presented the Sewer Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on January 31, 2021 of \$214,653.51 with deposits of \$69,201.67 and less expenses of \$77,913.24 leaving a reconciled balance of \$205,941.94 for February 28, 2021, Mrs. Phillips moved and seconded by Mrs. Cowan to accept the treasurer's report and attach the same as an exhibit and the same be incorporated by reference and be made part of these minutes. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously approved.*

*The Manager's Water & Sewer Reports were presented by Mrs. Forsha. Included in her detailed monthly reports, Manager Forsha commented on the condition of Ethel Lake and the total gallons of potable water pumped for last month. The costs associated with operating the pump house and the sewage plant were announced and also included was an equipment report on mileage and fuel consumption. The finished water turbidity reading of .031 NTU was also announced.*

#### *The Engineers Report:*

*Mr. Gera informed the board that a decision needed to be made on the new sludge press building because of the sixty day hold on the bids. Mr. Gera stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge bids that were received were over the estimated project cost of \$279,1808.00. Swede Construction submitted the low bid of \$400,000 for the General/Mechanical Contract 1/2001, and PFB Electric LLC submitted a bid in the amount of \$55,0056.00 for the Electrical Contract 2/2021. Mr. Gera informed the board that Manager Forsha stated that there would be enough funds to cover the Authority's portion of the project. A motion was put forth by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mrs. Cowan to accept the low bidder for the sludge press building, it was unanimously approved. Mr. Gera then discussed the North Chestnut Street Sanitary sewer replacement. A Motion was made by Mrs. Cowan and seconded by Mrs. Phillips for Gibson Thomas to design and get specs ready. All members voted to start the design.*

#### *The Solicitor's Report:*

*There was no new business this evening.*

#### *Water Old Business:*

*Mrs. Forsha informed the board that Leopold would be willing to provide the Texler Lamella Settler Clarifier equipment for free. However, they would like the Authority to pay half of the cost of the stainless-steel trough replacement, which is estimated to be approximately \$160,000.0. The Authority would be responsible for \$80,000.00. In addition, the Authority would be responsible for demolition and install costs of the new settler system. Manager Forsha suggested tabling the project for now. A motion was put forth by Mrs. Cowan and seconded by Mr. Checca all members voted to table project until next month.*

#### *Water New Business:*

*Manager Forsha presented to the board that Resolution #200 which will amend the existing pension plan so that new hires can enter a defined contribution plan and not the defined benefit*

*plan. A motion was put forth by Mrs. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Checca to amend Resolution #200, all members approved.*

*Sewer Old Business:*

*Manager Forsha informed the board that the authority employees are averaging 10 dye tests a day and there are 800 homes left to dye test. Mrs. Forsha also informed the board that we will have a few employees that will be retiring in a few years and that it would be beneficial to hire a full-time employee now so that they can begin getting experience to become a certified operator. The Board decided that a rate of \$15.00 and hour would be a fair wage. A motion was put forth by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mrs. Cowan.*

*Also, A motion to put forth by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mr. Jellison to put a bid out to televise 75,000 feet of sewer line.*

*Storm Old Business:*

*The revised Pollutant Reduction Plan is underway.*

*Storm New Business:*

*Manager Forsha announced that there will be a MS4 meeting March 22, 2021 with Gibson – Thomas Engineering.*

*On a motion by Mr. Checca and Seconded by Mrs. Cowan all member voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 P.M.*

*Mrs. Sara Cowan*

*Secretary*